

CITY OF RUSHVILLE PARKS & RECREATION MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2005
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order: The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 West 15th Street, Rushville. President Denny Corn called the meeting to order. Members present were Tim Shuppert and Jack Harmon. Wilma Jo Kile was absent with no new members appointed at this time to replace Brown and Phillips. Others present were Parks Director Danny Mathews, Attorney Julie Newhouse, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Mayor Bob Bridges, Kim Berkemier and Lisa Sampson of the Girls Softball League, David Fields, Brian Sheehan and John McCane representing the Irish Fest.

Minutes: Minutes of December 14, 2004 was presented for approval. Shuppert moved to approve the December 14th minutes. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

Reports: Mathews reported that the Valentines Dance at BRMS is coming up. It will be held on Friday, February 11, 2005 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Chaperones are needed.

Mathews also informed everyone of Eddie's Retirement Dinner on Thursday, January 27th at the Knights of Columbus hall. Doors open at 6:00 P.M. with dinner at 6:30 P.M. Invited all to attend and thanked Sharpe for helping.

Claims: Reviewed prior to meeting by Shuppert and Harmon. Shuppert moved to approve the claims for the month. Harmon seconded. Motion carried. Claims approved.

Unfinished Business: Discuss Booker T. – Mathews discussed the list of cleaning supplies that were needed.

Sharpe shared with the board that she received two quotes for cleaning the Booker T. building with Like-It Services, Gilliam Janitorial and N. & S. Cleaning declining.

The first quote was from David Fields, The Office Cleaner Guy. His quote was for \$200 per month for the upstairs cleaning and \$350 a month for the entire building. He did have Liability insurance but Workman's comp was not listed on quote.

The second quote came from Linda Wildey. Her quote was for \$370 per month for the entire building and \$300 for the upper level only. She had no Liability insurance nor Workman's Comp.

Corn stated that he talked to Like-It Services on Sunday and they told him they just didn't have time to give a quote but that they would be interested.

The board moved to table the decision for another month and to have Sharpe ask for new quotes with supplies to be furnished and have Liability insurance and Workman's comp.

Sharpe asked the board who was to clean the building as it is rented out several times already in January. It was decided by the board that Mathews will clean the building until someone is hired.

Corn stated that he is sure Like-It Services has Workman's comp and Liability insurance and asked Sharpe to see if they could clean for a month until someone is hired.

Sharpe will ask for new quotes and call Like-It and see if they are willing to work temporarily for \$50.00. If not, Mathews will clean building.

Mathews then discussed the windows at Booker T. One window frame is completely gone, rotted away.

He has sealed the front door.

This spring he needs to replace 4 windows.

Corn stated if City buys the windows he would put them in for nothing.

Mathews also stated there are some outdoor electrical circuits that needs taken care of.

Sharpe explained her meeting with Linda at Booker T.

She stated that Robin Kuhn has turned the money from Booker T. over to the Clerk-Treasurer and the bills are paid up to date.

She shared with the board that ICAP and Head Start pays their own phone bills and that the City is responsible for the gas, electric, water and trash pick up.

Booker T. needs to be exterminated once a year and stressed that it has to be kept up or we will have a roach problem.

Head Start has school 5 days a week from 8:30 to 1:30.

The staff of Head Start is in their office from 7:30 to 3:30.

ICAP is in their office from 8-5 Monday through Friday.

The trash was cancelled with CGS but Mathews has worked out a deal with the Street Department to have the trash picked up on a weekly basis.

Mathews will check on dumpster rental.

Harmon stated that with the roach problem that is even more reason to get a dumpster and not allow the trash to accumulate.

Sharpe then discussed the Park Facilities Rental Agreement.

Shuppert moved to change the fee of \$50.00 for the damage deposit for the Open Shelters to \$30.00. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

Corn read a letter from the Mayor in reference to Ivy Tech’s using Booker T. for distance education classes. They want to use the building every Thursday from now until May. The Mayor is asking that Ivy Tech’s fee be waved for the use of the building. Harmon stated that he highly supports this program and that this is helping a lot of people in this community and moved to wave the fee for the semester. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.

New Business: Kim Berkemier and Lisa Sampson – Discuss Use of Ball Field – Berkemier told the board that the older girls need a place to play ball. They have talked to Marty Frazier of the Men’s Softball league to see if they can play on their field and Frazier told them they needed to come before the Parks Board to get their permission. Harmon stated that the Men’s Softball league has a legal lease and they share it with the schools now. Newhouse stated that the lease would have to be amended to include them. Harmon stated he don’t feel we should take any action unless the Men’s Softball league is present also. Harmon stated that his opinion is that Frazier’s organization has the lease this year. Board suggested Berke mier and Sampson and Frazier of the Men’s Softball league come to the next meeting.

Brian Sheehan and John McCane were present to ask the board’s permission to continue with their St. Patrick’s Day Party and specifically give the money for the Riverside Park. Last years event made \$11,000. In return they would send out letters to our vendors, would be tax deductible and would help the City of Rushville with your new park. All they would ask in return is help in selling tickets and 10 or so people the night of the party to sell tickets and raffles. Shuppert stated as long as we are not breaking any rules it works for him. Sheehan stated that another option they were considering was a sound system for the Relay for Life in the park. Mathews stated he will check on pricing for that as well. It was discussed that a Riverside Park Fund would have to be set up and all money going into it. Sheehan discussed that last year they purchased t-shirts at \$5.00 a piece and sold them for \$10.00 and doubled their money. If the Parks board would purchase these shirts we will double our money. Also Sheehan asked for a family pool pass for the grand raffle. The raffle also raises quit a bit of money. Shuppert moved to donate a family pool pass for the Grand Irish Fest Raffle to support the Riverside Park. Harmon seconded. Motion carried. The event will be held on the 12th of March being the Saturday before St. Patrick’s Day. The board thanked Sheehan and McCane.

Harmon stated that the Men’s Softball League has asked for an extension of the maintenance fee in their lease. The maintenance fee is due by the 1st of May and he is asking it be extended to May 15th. Harmon moved to grant a motion for extension of payment of the \$500 maintenance fee until May 15th. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Shuppert moved to adjourn, Harmon seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

DENNY CORN, PRESIDENT

JACK HARMON, VICE PRESIDENT

TIM SHUPPERT, MEMBER

WILMA JO KILE, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY